

Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 21, 1879

Melville House, Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont. Dec. 21, 1879. My dear Alec,

I was not aware till just now that Papa was writing— but though nearly bed time I will not allow his letter to depart without a line from me.

I was delighted to receive Mabel's letter two days ago and to find all about you going on well. Please to tell her with my love that — if not prevented — I will write to her before next year. How I wish you could all be with us on Christmas Day. We expect your Uncle, Aunt, Aileen and Charley. We would have Carrie & Co. also but they cannot absent themselves from the table of Mrs. Ballachey's. Mary and I drove up there day before yesterday — all were well — though Carrie had a slight touch of cold.

Mary and Louise were at a concert the evening before last at the Ladies College — and as Aileen has commenced her Friday evenings “At home” Mary will have plenty of opportunities of mixing in society. Of course I am — or rather shall be tomorrow — busy in preparing goodies and Christmas plum pudding. If we lived only a little nearer I would send one the latter to Mabel. We are glad to find you are both so much pleased with Miss Hubbard's intended, but expect nothing else from the report Mabel had received from home. I shall later write more particulars when I write to her. In the meantime with heartfelt desire that every blessing may attend you both and a shower of kisses to the darling —
Your

Loving Mother, E.G.Bell. Love also from your cousins.